## Coronavirus Relief Fund Payments to Tribal Governments April 23, 2020

Payment amounts to Tribal governments from the Coronavirus Relief Fund (the "Fund") are to be determined by the Secretary of the Treasury in consultation with the Secretary of the Interior and Indian Tribes.<sup>1</sup>

The Department of the Treasury ("Treasury") appreciates the participation by a great number of Indian Tribes in this consultation process and the submissions made by Indian Tribes in response to Treasury's request for information relevant to the allocation of payments to be made to Tribal governments. Treasury's recently posted guidance and frequently asked questions regarding the eligible uses of payments reflect its consideration of comments provided during this consultation. Treasury continues to review the Tribal governments' submissions as they relate to a determination of the allocation of payments to Tribal governments. Once this determination is made, Treasury will post details of the allocation on this website.

After consultation with the Department of the Interior, Treasury has concluded that Alaska Native regional and village corporations as defined in or established pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act<sup>2</sup> are eligible to receive payments from the Fund in the amounts to be determined by the Secretary of the Treasury. In determining the appropriate allocation of payments to Tribal governments, Treasury intends to take steps to account for overlaps between Alaskan Native village membership and Alaska Native corporation shareholders or other beneficiaries.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See section 601(c)(7) of the Social Security Act, as added by section 5001(a) of the CARES Act.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 43 U.S.C. § 1601 et seq.